IV.—FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances is not here. So that item also would be taken up in the afternoon."

III.—(2) MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I move—

' That under Rule 21 (3) of the Council Rules, the First Report of the Committee on Government Assurances be taken up this afternoon at 2-30.' "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

' That under Rule 21 (3) of the Council Rules, the First Report of the Committee on Government Assurances be taken up this afternoon at 2-30.' "

The motion was carried.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether we will be allowed an opportunity to discuss the Report of the Committee on Government Assurances? It would be interesting to know what is the procedure adopted in such cases in Lok Sabha and in the British Parliament." 11-30 a.m.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The hon. Member can ask for information by way of supplementary questions when the Chairman of the Committee presents the Report. We shall now continue the discussion on the Second Five-Year Plan."

V.—DRAFT SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE STATE OF MADRAS—*cont.*

* SRI V. BHASHYAM AYYANGAR :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to give my support to the Preliminary Draft Proposals of the Second Five-Year Plan that have been placed before this House and, in doing so, I wish to make a few observations. It is stated in the Report itself that the First Five-Year Plan was concerned with increasing the food requirements of the country, and that emphasis in the Second Five-Year Plan could be shifted to industries although agriculture would continue to receive its due share of attention. That is what is stated in the Paper placed on the table of the House regarding the Second Five-Year Plan. The objects of the Second Five-Year Plan have been fully explained in the speech made by the Hon. the Leader of the House. He said that much emphasis would be laid on developing small scale village industries, communications, housing and other social services. I think that is an improvement upon the objects of the Second Plan as stated in the Paper placed before the House.

" I wish only to state that much importance should be attached to the development and improvement of our villages. Everybody knows that our villages are in a very unsatisfactory state of affairs.